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stated that the population of the town of La Ceiba is estimated at about 1,000, of whom about 100 are whites.

The disinfecting plant was suitably located near the water front and provided with an autoclave in good condition.

Steamers can make no landings at this point, and the fruit is lightered out to the ships. The clothing of the laboring fruit crew is disinfected before they are admitted on board to handle the fruit. All of these fruit laborers are negroes. When it is necessary they are carried on to the subports of Utila and Truxillo, which is exceptional during the quarantine season.

These steamers do not touch nor is fruit loaded at the other bay islands of Bonaca, Barbaret, or Hog Island.

Three companies are represented here who ship fruit to the United States, usually to the Southern ports, New Orleans and Mobile, namely, the United Fruit Company, the Bluefields Steamship and Fruit Company, and the Independent Fruit Company.

I inspected the subport of Utila the same day, accompanied by Dr. Spencer Franklin. The population is estimated at 800, and the little town is extremely well laid out, clean, and making a very good appearance. There has been only 1 death during the current year, an infant, the result of intestinal disease.

It was not considered, under the circumstances, essential to visit Truxillo, 60 miles farther south of La Ceiba, as Dr. Franklin assured me as to the excellent sanitary condition existing there; and as previously remarked, vessels do not touch at this point during the quarantine season.

Respectfully,

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The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

*Report from Puerto Cortez—Fruit port.*

PUERTO CORTEZ, HONDURAS, *August 17, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit my report for week ended August 16, 1900, and inclose list of vessels inspected and cleared during the week. The health and sanitary condition of the port and adjacent country continue satisfactory. Three deaths reported for the week—boy, native, cause unknown; adult male, American, cause, tetanus; adult female, native, from malarial fever.

Respectfully,

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[Inclosure.]

*List of vessels inspected and cleared during week ended August 16, 1900.*

Date.	Vessel.	Master.	Crew.	Destination.	No. of passengers.	No. pieces of baggage.
Aug. 11	Br. ss. Usk.....	A. Hurry..	18	Mobile.....	.....	.....
Do...	Nor. ss. Espana.....	Danielsen	15	.....do.....	.....	.....
Aug. 13	Nor. ss. Themis .....	Andersen	25	New York.....	.....	.....
Aug. 15	Am. ss. S. Oteri.....	De Luca...	34	New Orleans.....	2	2